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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Inventor(s): Hiroyuki Okagaki et al.

Title: **AUTOMOTIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM AND METHOD OF
CONTROLLING THE SAME, RECORDING MEDIUM
STORING CONTROL PROGRAM, DISK PLAYBACK
APPARATUS, AND SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED
CIRCUIT**

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Hiroyuki Okagaki et al.

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AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING THE
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CONTROL PROGRAM, DISK PLAYBACK
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5:

--Related Applications

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No.09/301,975, filed on April 29, 1999.--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 14-30 without prejudice.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

1 3. (Amended) An automotive information system according to Claim 1, wherein said main
2 unit and said device are connected by system cable means comprising:

3 a first power line that enables electrical power to be supplied from said main unit to said
4 device when the power supply to said main unit has been turned on;

5 a data line for enabling exchange of data between said main part and said device;

6 a second power line for enabling backup power to said device at least when the power
7 supply to said main unit has not been turned on; and

8 a signal line for transmitting said start signal from said device to said main unit.

Please add the following newly-drafted Claim 31:

1 31. (New) An automotive information system according to Claim 2, wherein said main
2 unit and said device are connected by system cable means comprising:

3 a first power line that enables electrical power to be supplied from said main unit to said
4 device when the power supply to said main unit has been turned on;

5 a data line for enabling exchange of data between said main part and said device;

6 a second power line for enabling backup power to said device at least when the power
7 supply to said main unit has not been turned on; and

8 a signal line for transmitting said start signal from said device to said main unit.

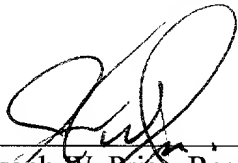
REMARKS

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If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

Very truly yours,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

A paragraph has been added before the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 5.

Claim 3 has been amended as follows:

- 1 3. An automotive information system according to Claim 1 [or 2], wherein said main
2 unit and said device are connected by system cable means comprising:
3 a first power line that enables electrical power to be supplied from said main unit to said
4 device when the power supply to said main unit [ahs] has been turned on;
5 a data line for enabling exchange of data between said main part and said device;
6 a second power line for enabling backup power to said device at least when the power
7 supply to said main unit has not been turned on; and
8 a signal line for transmitting said start signal from said device to said main unit.

New Claim 31 has been added.